

I am writing in favor of removing the code requirement for amateur licensing. The rest of the world has made their decision, and it is now time for the amateur community to move forward and leave this quaint vestige of a bygone era to those who have an affinity for CW.

Those that wish to operate in this mode are certainly welcome to do so, but it should not be used as falsely perceived methodology in maintaining the "purity" of the hobby. Amateur radio is, by its very nature, a technical pursuit and confusing one particular mode of optional operation with a necessary skill in pursuit of this hobby is a mistake on the part of far too many licensees.

CW testing, or proficiency, has no place in a licensing procedure. CW testing should not be used as a "gateway skill" for a hobby that is becoming more technically diverse as time goes on.

Remove the CW testing requirement. Its time has passed.